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## APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR

## ALLOWANCE

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner recited a portion of an allowed independent claim. The applicants note that it is a well-known tenet of patent law that each allowed patent claim should be considered as a whole. The dependent claims also define patentable subject matter. Further, although the Examiner has indicated one reason for allowance, there can be other reasons that claims are allowable.

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